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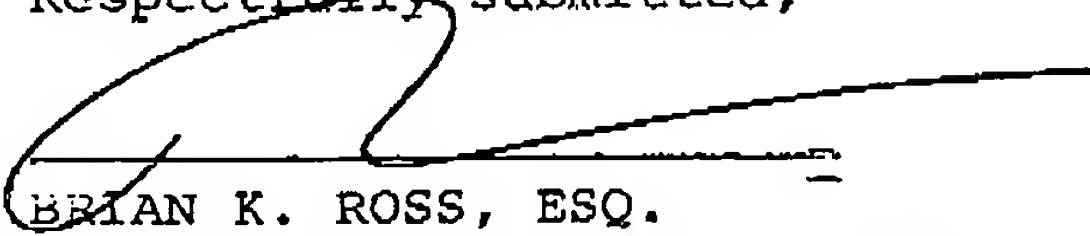
Claims

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A reusable or disposable cold bladder unit having a preformed rectangular or cylindrical shape for treatment of the anal region afflicted by hemorrhoids ~~comprising:~~ comprising a 3 1/2 inch long, rectangular or cylindrical shaped bladder unit, approximately 1/2 to 5/8 inches in diameter, whereby (a) the user applies the unit enclosed at its ends, applied between the user's buttocks atop the directly upon exposed hemorrhoidal tissues until the maximum comfort is achieved, as opposed to insertion of the bladder unit into the rectal opening; upon achieving maximum comfort, and (b) the unit is then removed and sterilized or otherwise cleaned for future applications or manufactured in a disposable form.
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~invention of claim 1~~ cold bladder unit of claim 1 wherein said cold bladder unit comprises a cooling agent or compound intended to provide prolonged cooling, enabling shrinkage of the hemorrhoidal tissues.
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~invention of claim 1~~ cold bladder unit of claim 1 wherein said cold bladder unit is composed of a flexible, plastic or rubber material, ~~such as polyethylene.~~

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Respectfully submitted,


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